

Remarks

Claims 1 - 25 are the only claims pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Applicants have amended the claims to avoid the use of multiple dependencies and to make claims to conform with U.S. practice. The amendments relate to formalities and clarity and do not narrow the scope of the claims for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

Please charge any fees, and credit any overpayment, incurred in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 13-0017. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative to discuss any questions regarding the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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